

COVID-19 Compliance Survey Results

183 total responses

147 qualifying responses from those who worked on campus

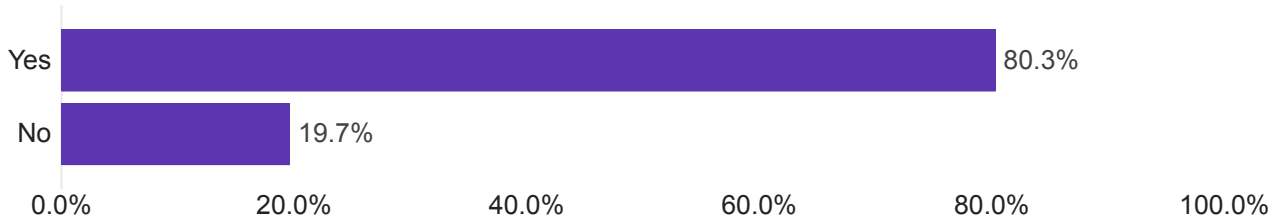
Survey administered 10/5-10/7



Over the last two weeks, have you worked on campus?

183 Responses

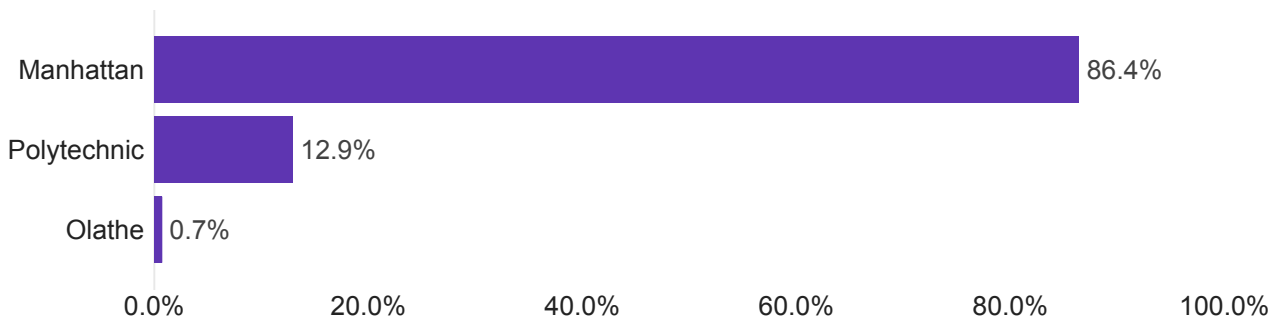
Field	Percentage
Yes	80.3%
No	19.7%



On what campus are you primarily located?

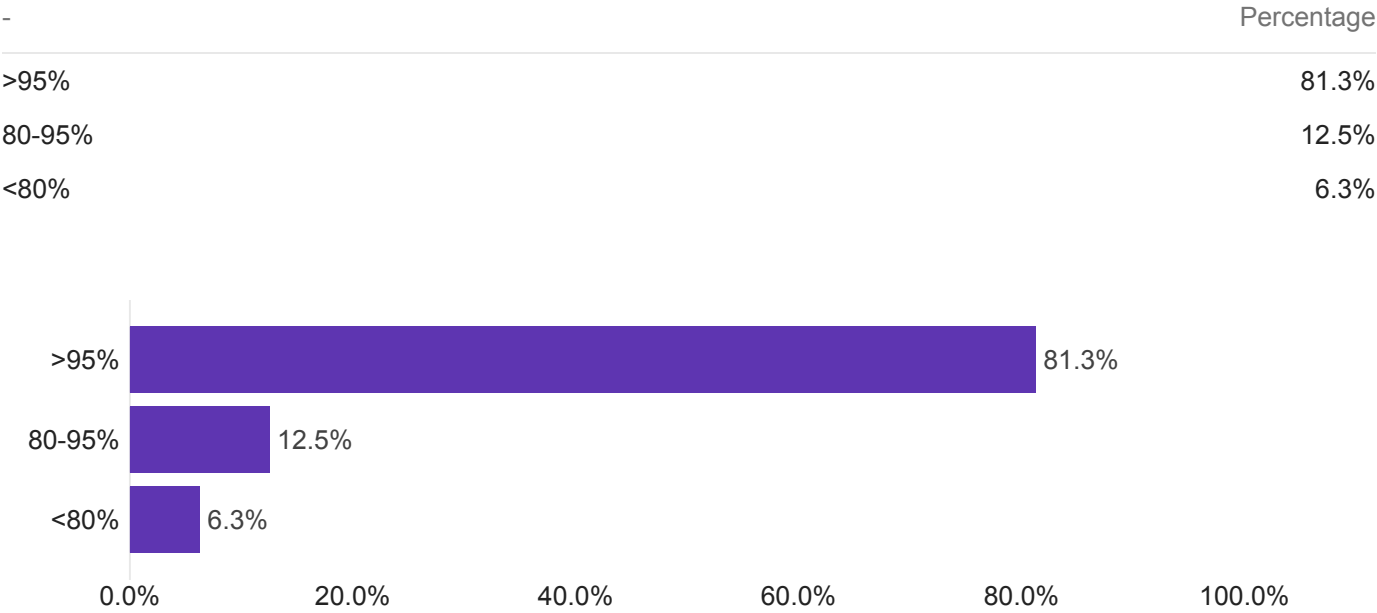
147 Responses

-	Percentage
Manhattan	86.4%
Polytechnic	12.9%
Olathe	0.7%



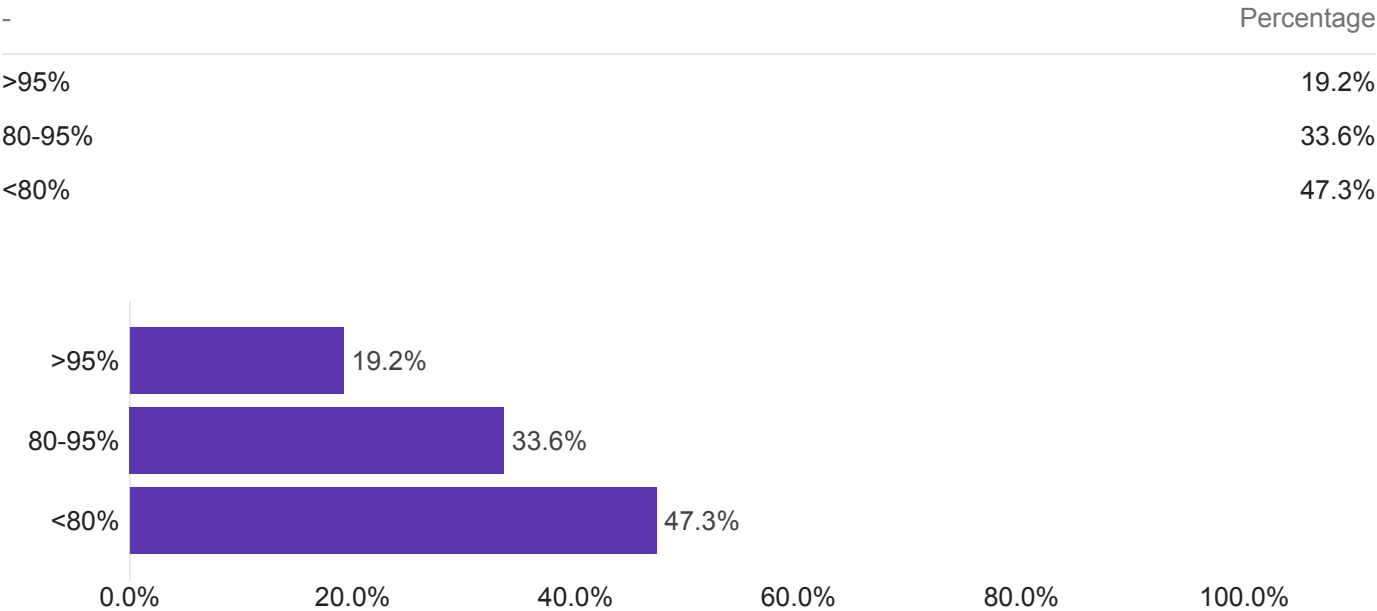
1. Approximately what percentage of students, faculty, and staff have you observed wearing face coverings inside campus buildings and classrooms?

144 Responses



2. Approximately what percentage of students, faculty, and staff have you observed wearing face coverings outside while on campus?

146 Responses



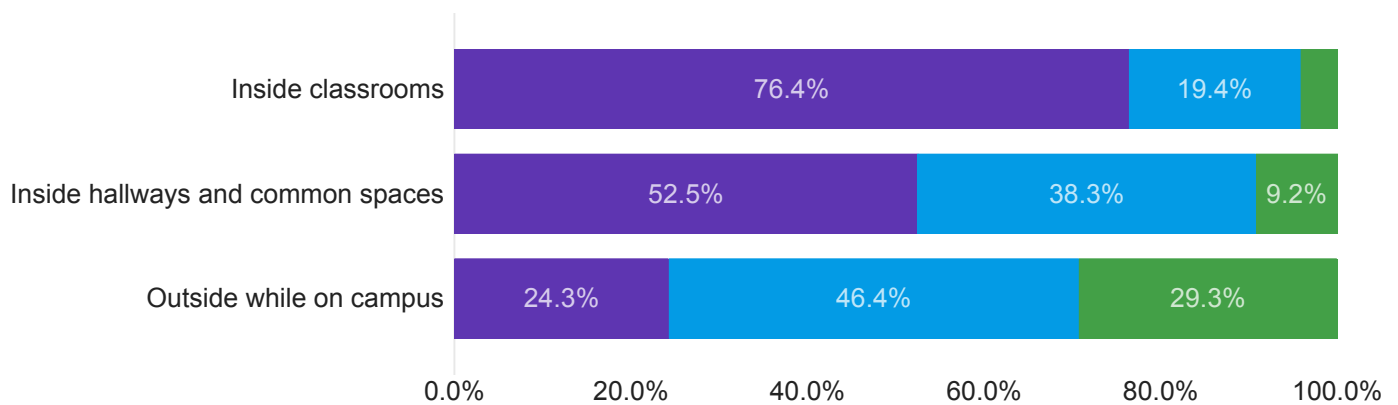
3. Based on your observations, have faculty, staff, and students adhered to 6-foot social distancing requirements in the following situations?

147 Responses

	Yes, for the most part	Somewhat	No, for the most part	Can't judge
Inside classrooms	37.7%	9.6%	2.1%	50.7%
Inside building hallways and other common spaces	50.3%	36.7%	8.8%	4.1%
Outside while on campus	23.4%	44.8%	28.3%	3.4%

Chart below excludes Can't Judge

● Yes, for the most part
 ● Somewhat
 ● No, for the most part



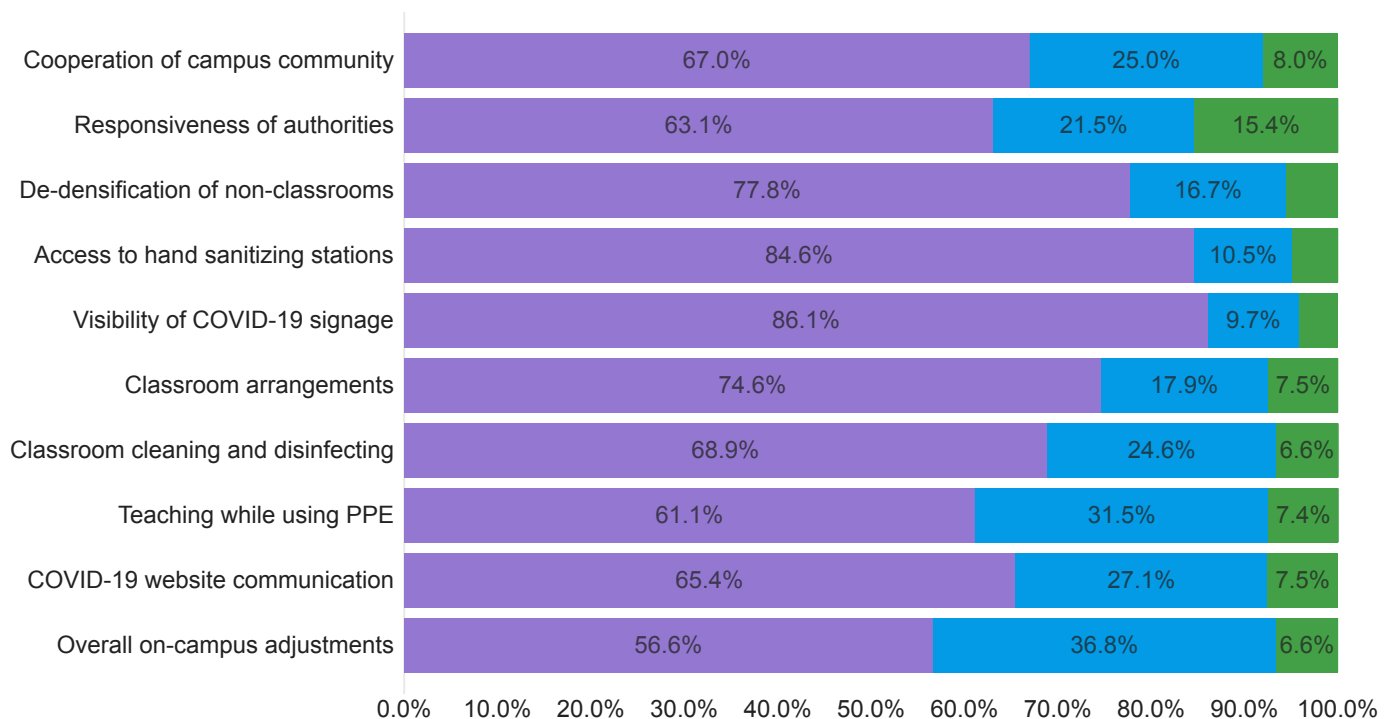
4. From your perspective, what has gone well or not gone well in the past two weeks regarding COVID-19 protocols and compliance?

145 Responses

Field	Has Gone Well	Some Issues	Has Not Gone Well	Can't Judge
Cooperation of campus community members when asked to comply with policies	46.2%	17.2%	5.5%	31.0%
Responsiveness of applicable authorities when issues arise	28.5%	9.7%	6.9%	54.9%
De-densification of non-classroom spaces in campus buildings	48.3%	10.3%	3.4%	37.9%
Access to hand sanitizing stations	83.4%	10.3%	4.8%	1.4%
Visibility of COVID-19 signage	85.5%	9.7%	4.1%	0.7%
Classroom arrangements for social distancing	34.5%	8.3%	3.4%	53.8%
Classroom cleaning and disinfecting	29.0%	10.3%	2.8%	57.9%
Teaching while using personal protective equipment	22.8%	11.7%	2.8%	62.8%
Communication provided through the COVID-19 website	60.0%	24.8%	6.9%	8.3%
Overall on-campus adjustments for COVID-19	53.8%	35.0%	6.3%	4.9%

Chart below excludes Can't Judge

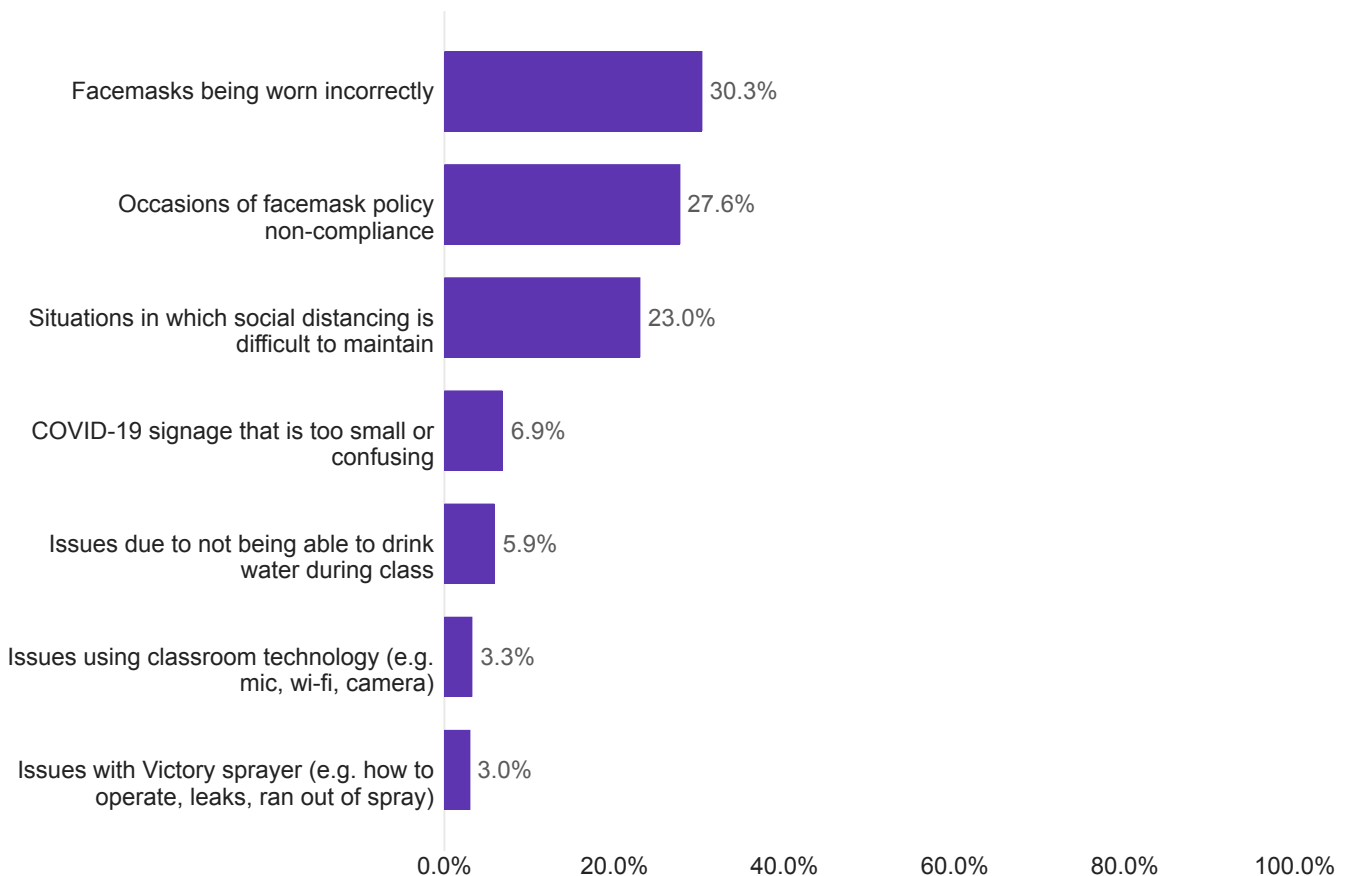
● Has Gone Well ● Some Issues ● Has Not Gone Well



5. From your perspective, which of following specific issues have you observed or experienced in the past two weeks while working on campus? (select all that apply)

127 Responses

	Percentage of Choices
Facemasks being worn incorrectly	30.3%
Occasions of facemask policy non-compliance	27.6%
Situations in which social distancing is difficult to maintain	23.0%
Issues due to not being able to drink water during class	5.9%
COVID-19 signage that is too small or confusing	6.9%
Issues using classroom technology (e.g. mic, wi-fi, camera)	3.3%
Issues with Victory sprayer (e.g. how to operate, leaks, ran out of spray)	3.0%



COVID-19 Compliance Survey Comments

147 Responses | Survey administered 10/5/20 – 10/7/20 | Results prepared by Institutional Research

1a. Further comments about face covering compliance inside buildings and classrooms

People tend to NOT wear a mask if they expect to not encounter another person. Some people just do not get it. I pointed out to a person he was supposed to wear a mask in public areas. His exact comment was, "I don't give a fuck." He put it on when I told him it wasn't to keep him healthy... but it was to keep others from catching anything he might have... the same reason I was wearing mine.

I was only in Unger Complex once and did not encounter any other people.

A good number are not wearing them properly - covering mouth but not nose.

Construction workers in Hale Library are inconsistent in their mask wearing. Not always sure if they work for the general contractor or subcontractors.

Still seeing some wearing mask over mouth but below nose

When eating in the cafeteria, I saw one employee wiping tables not wearing a mask at all and one of the servers only having her mouth covered, not her nose.

I don't go into too many classroom buildings so my experience may be a bit different. The building where I work, the compliance appears to be less than 80%.

Unsurprisingly, there are extremely high levels of compliance in the hospital (from what I've seen). Keep up the excellent work everybody!

Only about 50% of face coverings are worn covering the nose and mouth.

I'm only in a couple buildings on campus, so really can't be a good judge of that.

Very little time in campus

Most of whom I see w/o face covering are on the sidewalks alone and people are not real nearby but they mostly cover as they pass others.

The only times I see people not wearing masks indoors are in the study areas in our building.

Students masks seem to slide down their face during class. I have had students taking their masks off to drink in class. I have had students taking their masks off to talk to me.

I'm only going into the building where my office is, and onto my project construction sites.

A couple of times I have seen a member of custodial staff working without a mask until other people show up.

I work in an office with 15 other staff, and most are alternating days of working in the office and working remotely. I believe only one or two classrooms are being used in the building where I work, and only a handful of other faculty and staff are working in the building. There are many fewer people in my building this semester than there were per-COVID, but most, if not all, have been wearing face coverings unless if they are alone in their private or personal workspace.

Most all comply and wear their mask properly, and those not in compliance at the moment when asked then do comply.

Several issues with students wearing masks improperly (not covering nose)

Overall, compliance appears to be pretty well accepted. However, I have had to remind several students about

covering their nose.

Contractors in the buildings do not wear them. Employees only wear them when they think they will get caught.

Sanitizer devices constantly empty in the College of Engineering

Biggest issue I see is still not covering noses.

sometimes I still see people pulling down their mask, even tough wearing it

Students refuse to wear masks in Hale Library. Sometimes as much as 2/3

Staff and students seem to feel like they don't need to wear their facemasks.

Not everyone is doing it

2a. Further comments about face covering compliance outside while on campus

Masks seem to be worn in most outside groups. However, some groups are not wearing mask and still not social distancing.

Mostly students in small groups (2-3) were the ones not wearing masks.

Most were quite distant from other people.

In the mornings when arriving and I walk campus for exercise over lunch hour and when leaving , the last week I see more and more people not wearing a mask outside in groups and on the sidewalks I pass when walking. Majority appear to be students. I do not understand why the last week has been worse nor why any enforcement does not seem to be happening.

They do well until evening. Then its like nothing matters any longer. Groups walking on sidewalks 6-8 together without masks.

The only time I don't see people wearing face coverings is when they're alone, or when well beyond six feet from others.

Most groups of students without face coverings outside do not social distance.

The area by the Alumni center, and the new student service area in the old stadium have lots of people without masks. They sit out at those picnic tables, and families new to campus don't seem to be made aware that two or more people together on campus are required to wear masks.

I don't often see people without masks outdoors, but when i do, I see it more in groups than in socially distanced individuals. The non-distanced groups generally seem to be people in the 18-24 age range. They are more likely to be walking than just sitting around. (Perhaps they think motion carries the virus away from them? I would think activity would be more likely to increase respiration.)

There are still those who choose/refuse to mask up, I pray they do not contract or emit COVID-19.

Compliance outside on campus property continues to worsen.

It is ridiculous how poorly compliance has gotten at this point. I observe few students, faculty, and staff properly wearing masks while walking between classes on campus.

Seems to be increasing. I still think it's reasonable to allow people to have masks off outdoors when distanced. If you're close enough to talk to them about it, sure, they should have one on.

I feel that the mask requirement should state that the face coverings be worn by everyone at all times while on KSU property. The exceptions of not having to wear a mask whether indoors or outside are too vague and allows for non-compliance.

Most people who I have seen not wearing facial coverings outside I suspect to be students, and most have been walking by themselves, but I have seen some pairs or small groups of students outside not wearing facial coverings.

All do social distance and when merging closer such as passing on a sidewalk or merging into a building entrance the masks then go on correctly. It is working well here at the Polytechnic Campus

I estimate this is closer to 50-60%

I see problems with students congregating in parking lots while not wearing masks, especially outside of the Stevens Flight Center.

Most everyone do not wear them outside.

If outside and 6+ feet apart, there should be no reason to where a mask. Breath some fresh air and live. Oxygen is better for you than what you breath out.

It is getting less and less on people wearing face coverings outside. Talk a walk and see.

For the most part, groups of people outside are wearing masks, but often seeing a few that are not.

Seems like most folks who appear to be jogging/walking a dog on campus aren't wearing masks.

it is a waste of time for all of us to be wearing the masks outside of the buildings!

I'm not sure walking alone on busy sidewalks is a good idea

Students in carpools and crosswalks with no masks.

Need enforcement

I would say approx. 75% are wearing face covering outside

The administration needs to enforce face coverings. This is not solely the responsibility of faculty. The administration's response to the pandemic seems to be "let's have the faculty take care of everything." The administration needs to post security and/or the office of student life, etc., outside on campus and ask them to enforce the policies in order to stop the students from wandering campus without masks.

Those that do not seem to have an attitude wanting someone to confront them. Or are using picnic benches outside Bluemont.

Most people who I've seen without masks outside have been alone and distanced. I did see some contactors who were not wearing masks and were not distancing.

Majority of folks are, but there are still several students especially totally ignoring wearing a mask.

I observed a large number of students either not wearing face coverings, or wearing them incorrectly (not covering nose) while outside on campus, even when they were close to others. I also observed students not wearing masks at all in cafe areas, even when they were not eating.

I work off main campus in Unger.

3a. Further comments about 6-foot social distancing compliance

Really only works when students are seated in the classroom. When moving about and in and out of classroom and buildings, not so much.

Guided campus tour groups are walking very close together.

Graduate student offices in Mosier Hall are well below the size limits needed for distancing. I have seen one small office with 5 students in at one time, less than 2 feet apart, for multiple hours.

Sometimes I see groups of 5 or more students unmasked and walking right next to each other.

They do well until evening. Then its like nothing matters any longer. Groups walking on sidewalks 6-8 together without masks.

I wouldn't touch you with a 39-and-a-half foot pole!

Most people do not seem to get this policy. I think they really think that if they are wearing a mask, you don't need to stay away. And, I also think that people don't understand what 6 feet looks like.

Social distancing outdoors seems to be almost non-existent among people who appear to be in the 18-24 age, with or without masks. I see individuals, I see non-socially-distanced groups, but I almost never see groups of 18-to-24-year-old-looking people all 6 feet apart from each other. The close grouping is unrelated to space constraints, e.g., you will see it in groups walking on wide, long sidewalks, or walking across a large quadrangle. If there is a need to be closer than 6 feet, it is an emotional or psychosocial one. I can believe that could be a real need for gregarious people. They should wear masks. I would say more than half of such non-distanced outdoor groupings are masked.

Some forget until it's too close, then remember to mask up.

It is okay in classrooms minus the fact most of the stickers have come off of the acceptable seats. However, outside of class students are moving in big groups with poor mask skills. I have observed students wearing masks yet holding hands... I observed an art class immediately outside of Willard Hall last week where most of the students were wearing masks but the instructor monitoring them was not wearing a mask.

People seem to feel that distancing is not needed if masks are worn. If the University is expecting both, I think that message needs to be communicated more clearly.

In the classroom students always have their masks on even if they may sometimes be closer than 6' from each other.

If people are not following social distancing requirements, I think this is mainly the result of this not being our nature. I think compliance has been easier indoors where there are markings and other signs to guide us. When two or three people are walking together (especially outdoors), I think it's just natural for them to walk closer than 6 feet apart.

We have continually worked to follow the guidelines here on the Polytechnic Campus.

Mask compliance appears to be the lesser issue. I've observed social distancing to be the biggest challenge. Parking lots and indoor public areas still appear to be places where social distancing is often forgotten and/or ignored.

When wearing a mask, 6-foot social distancing shouldn't matter no matter the conditions.

I see some violations when students are walking in groups. Must be as they are leaving class.

Driving though Manhattan on Saturday toward Aggieville and also the rentals/fraternities there was not anyone wearing masks and it was obvious there were students gathering in groups and no one had on a mask. They are not following guidelines that are put in place for campus. Not sure how you can require but if they are not doing it off campus then you will have concerns on campus.

Bathrooms are the worst place for not maintaining 6-foot distance

Groups and gaggles everywhere of two or more persons.

No social distancing - only 10% who do.

Students do not follow the rules outside. The administration needs to enforce these policies.

See it in hallways labs break rooms

I work off main campus in Unger.

4a. Further comments on what has gone well regarding COVID-19 protocols and compliance

KSU seems to be proactive in getting information out through the means at its disposal.

I think on-campus behavior/compliance that I've seen has been pretty good.

The ability to teach with a face shield has been a great option. I have gotten used to it and hardly notice it is on.

Initial response efforts. Cleaning crew responsiveness, training provided for staff, providing a university-wide policy, providing access to supplies.

Thank you to everybody who continues to adhere to the safety guidelines. Some of us sincerely appreciate the effort and dedication. You're all doing a great job.

The PPE makes lecturing a little more difficult but it is doable.

wearing masks

Communication is good, keep it up! I do like the upper administration showing their leadership by advocating the masking up.

A student employee asked me to don my mask in the Union when I was finishing up some reading at my table, immediately following my lunch. I readily complied. I'm a K-State staff member and part-time student.

I have appreciated the efforts Housing & Dining has put forth to keep our students safe.

Courtesy and politeness has been displayed by all as we all work through these current challenges.

access to classroom cleaning supplies has been good, although a victory sprayer broke on me last week.

From my perspective, mask policies seem to be pretty well accepted. Signage is more than adequate, and everyone that I have had to remind has brought themselves back into compliance without complaint. It seems like, for the most part, people are generally considerate and understanding of the policies and protocols.

I am very encouraged by how well students, faculty and staff are complying with protocols. I think everyone is doing a good job on campus.

Products / signs everywhere

I hope the administration continues to look at this with a level head and not over react. I no longer have any of my students quarantined.

Most things within the classrooms are going well.

Signs and messaging have gone well.

University communication is very clear, and the classroom arrangements seem to be working for the most part.

4b. Further comments on what has not gone well regarding COVID-19 protocols and compliance

Many people do not pay attention to conventional media. Some never listen to or read the news. You can't get them all.

Off-campus is an entirely different story. Students around me have had large gatherings of 50+ people with 0 masks and no social distancing whatsoever. I don't know what good it does to have these policies in place if off-campus students behave in this way.

very little respect for the protocols

The sanitizing stations at the building entrances are completely ineffective. Students never used them much to start with, but they quickly found out that they simply do not work well, and don't even try anymore.. At best, you might get a squirt of sanitizer every third try if you are lucky. They work better if you tap on the bottom, but then you are touching another surface. If students all had patience and tried to use them, it would create a backup line at the building entrances that would be an even worse problem. A complete waste of money. See if we can get our money back. Also, all the new soap dispensers in the bathrooms do not work much better, but at least there is no one waiting behind you for them.

supervisors do not have enough information to make judgment calls when staff have symptoms. Should I stay home if I have a cough? If I am well and my house mate has symptoms should I stay home? ect

Faculty who are giving permission to students to go unmasked.

Does not seem to be any mask wearing enforcement outside of buildings including right at the door ways. Same goes for 6ft separation. See a lot less compliance this last week or two.

Confusion about who to call and what to do when someone tests positive. Construction contractors are not following the mask policy. Policies change and we don't hear about it. A lot of good info on the CO"VID website, but hard to find the right info.

Faculty/staff morale is low because of the difficulties presented by COVID. I wish I was more capable of rewarding those who I see upholding safety guidelines, as an incentive for them to keep it up. Continued compliance is paramount if we want to get through this.

the person who teaches before me does not clean the room. That being said, I think the cleaning requirements for the chairs ia a bit silly. Not convinced that the surfaces of chairs in a classroom are our biggest issue. Also: all the stickers on the chairs are gone. This is a more important issue, IMHO.

My class has swabbed main entrance contact surfaces like door handles and handicap blue push buttons. We have found huge biofilms of viruses, bacteria, fungi, and microscopic parasites on these contact surfaces.

Are the students and fans in the football stadium at games staying in compliance?

Partial compliance

some students and also staff or faculty did not comply and I saw not wearing masks on campus....

Hand sanitizer stations seem to be empty alot

I down graded communication because K-State Today seems to over communicate and I tend to ignore the articles.

I still do not know who 'applicable authorities' are.

A student employee at the Union asked students who were not eating to don their masks. They did so, then took them off again or let them hang on one ear once the employee walked away. Also, some of the Union food service employees take off their masks when there is no one in line at their stations, or do not wear their masks over their noses.

The print on some signage is very small and not very attention grabbing. In response to some campus community members not complying with safety requirements, reminders have been placed in K-State Today. That might initiate behavior change for a few people, but that will not change behavior among those who disagree with the policies or believe these safety requirements are unnecessary.

I am tired of wearing the mask or shield and maintaining social distancing. I am a more relational person. I miss hand shakes, seeing all parts of my students faces and their expressions, and also those of staff, faculty and administrators too. We have flattened the curve, this virus is part of our world now and in time, just like all the other corona viruses and flu bugs, we will continue to deal with this one too. I will be glad when drop the mask or shield mandate and go back to normal.

There still is no coordinated plan being enacted. After 7 months the University should not be acting and communicating in a piecemeal fashion, but that is where we are.

There have been issues of getting a hold of people right away because they are working from home. They should be able to get back with you right away.

Signage falling off the walls

Outdoor spaces and parking lots seems to be where compliance breaks down. We should be reminding students that policies apply on campus as a whole - not just inside buildings and classrooms.

Some students don't seem to realize they should wear a mask on campus, even when outside.

Signage is starting to fall off of walls and doors. Also signage on doors for entrances/not an exit/exit/not an entrance is slightly confusing on the insides of doors where things are posted on the outside. There is nothing posted on the other side to indicate what it should be (despite it being common sense, that is not a thing a lot of the time apparently).

Poor guidance from the College of Engineering administration - again, the Dean's office in the College of Engineering is reducing the teaching and research load for senior faculty who "complain" and doubling the workload for tenure track faculty. I know over ten tenure track faculty members looking for new jobs...K-State, please investigate.

There is an increase in hand sanitizer stations being out or not working. Starting to be judgment on campus for those that have been out and are returning. We have seen the signs for so long, I don't think we really "see" them anymore.

The quality of education some students are receiving is poor. One marketing class is using a syllabus and reviews that have not been updated (information includes questions about a guest speaker from last year) and Excel lessons taught on Excel 2009 are not applicable to Excel 2016. Also, some assignments are due before the instructor even lectures on the topic so students are left to figure out the assignment on their own and are not getting a quality education for the fee they are paying. The instructor is trying to use a "flipped classroom" technique incorrectly. Faculty should be working harder, not less, during this challenging time to ensure students are receiving the best education.

Students refuse to follow to wear masks and very little social distancing.

Everything outside of the classrooms is not going well. Students do not wear masks outside, they do not distance outside. There is no enforcement of policies. Everyday hundreds students walk through Bosco Plaza unmasked in close groups.

The signage that was put up in Eisenhower Hall on the SE entrance was put up backwards. The follow the stay right rule the way the sign is to put up means you crossover several times.

I think there needs to be better enforcement of expectations for non-KSU workers (i.e., contractors) when they are working on our campus. I've seen issues with this myself and have seen others comment on this in the previous questionnaires. Football games are my biggest concern. The mask wearing by athletic staff has been slipping each week, including the head coach who had his face uncovered a lot of the time in the recent game. and the students are not distancing in the stands. The games are one of our biggest faces to the broader public and they do not make us look good.

I have heard many reports, from students and colleagues, about large off campus parties that are in violation of the city mask protocols. I have observed students on campus and in the community being unsafe with mask wearing. This seems worse to me than when the semester started. I am worried that students are experiencing fatigue with mask wearing and social distancing (as are we all) and are increasing their unsafe behaviors.

5a. Further comments on any other specific issues you've experienced regarding COVID-19 protocols and compliance

Mask vs beverage is going to be a big problem once winter hits. Many people constantly have a drink at hand.

I have some voice issues and really need to be able to have something to drink during lecture to protect it while lecturing.

More information is needed for supervisors or staff members for what to do if you have symptoms or if members of your home do.

Students are bring in food and drinks.

Getting dehydrated (that means really grumpy!) during the day when I forget to bring bottled water.

the signs are too small and suggest you use images rather than only words

The issues I experience are few and far between. I'm starting to get used to it all, so it's all kind of just habit by now.

My class has swabbed main entrance contact surfaces like door handles and handicap blue push buttons. We have found huge biofilms of viruses, bacteria, fungi, and microscopic parasites on these contact surfaces. Based on these findings, KSU needs to improve main entrance contact surface disinfection and cleaning protocols for the Manhattan campus.

I occasionally see a face mask that is too large for the person wearing it and when they speak it drops below their nose. The students are not intentionally breaking the policy and they immediately pull the mask back up. I have had issues with camera and mics to connect student joining by Zoom I know the student on Zoom is not getting the same experience with the plug and play camera as it only shows one view and with all wearing masks I worry about how much she can actually hear.

There are many indoor signs whose wording implies that masks only need to be worn if social distance cannot be maintained. This has led to some people not wearing masks inside buildings if they think they can stay 6 feet away from other people. The signs in question say "All persons should maintain 6-foot physical distance.... If 6-foot physical distance is not possible, individuals are required to wear face coverings." These signs are found in hallways and on bathroom doors. The colloquial way of interpreting that statement would be that individuals are not required to wear face coverings if 6-foot distance can be maintained. Otherwise, why have the qualifier "if distancing cannot be maintained"? The text on these signs is MUCH BIGGER than the fine print on other signs that say people "must wear face coverings over their mouths and noses while on K-State campuses in all hallways, public spaces, classrooms, and other common areas." The misleading signs suggesting that masks be worn "if social distancing cannot be maintained" should be replaced ASAP to avoid confusion and misunderstandings.

Hydrating is an issue, I occasionally forget to bring water when on Campus and find no water even if I had a container and when I do bring a container filling a container in the restroom is just wrong.

I will be glad when drop the mask or shield mandate and go back to normal.

There should be some bottle fillers available in buildings.

We need to be reminding students that social distancing and mask protocols apply to all locations on campus - indoors and out. That's been the biggest breakdown that I have witnessed thus far, and it's something that we should probably emphasize to a greater extent.

Water! I totally understand that the water fountains can't be accessible during this time. Can you brainstorm to think of ways this campus can have access to water without buying water bottles? They are stupid expensive and not environmentally-friendly. Some folks regularly bring water to campus, but not all of us do. Personally, I carry so much stuff back and forth to work and home, adding water to last a whole day weighs me down. Thanks for

considering this suggestion.

Frankly, having up and down stairwells while people are wearing masks is ridiculous.

Its pretty bad on campus. We are lucky that it has not spread.

we are doing the best we can.